

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

April 5, 2004  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Noble, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson, Degginger, and Lee

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute.

(a) Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration and Tree City USA Award

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran said the City's annual Arbor Day and Earth Day celebration will be held on April 24 at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station (156<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE & SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street). Activities including park enhancement projects by volunteers will begin at 9:00 a.m., and an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Ben Thompson, Community Assistance Forester, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, presented Bellevue its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Tree City USA Award and its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Mayor Marshall read a proclamation recognizing April 24 as Arbor Day and Earth Day in Bellevue and encouraging citizens to participate in tree plantings and enhancement projects.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Karen Bates, retired superintendent of Lake Washington School District, introduced herself as the volunteer campaign chair for Family Resource Center in Redmond. The Center houses an additional 24 nonprofit agencies serving Eastside citizens. The goal of

the current campaign is to pay off the mortgage and thereby reduce lease rates for 18 of the agencies. For Hopelink alone, this would mean an additional \$40,000 per year available for services and programs. Ms. Bates thanked Council for its generous contribution last fall.

- (b) Pam Mauk, Executive Director of Family Resource Center, thanked Council for its ongoing support. As treasurer of the Eastside Human Service Alliance, she noted the publication, *The Real Eastside*, summarizing trends and needs in the community. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 people on the Eastside live in poverty. Ms. Mauk discussed King County's decreasing investment in human services and its increasing emphasis on crisis management rather than prevention programs.
- 4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.
- 5. Report of the City Manager

Mayor Marshall asked staff to first address the remaining Study Session items.

- (a) Update on Finance/Human Resources System Replacement Project [Study Session Agenda Item 2(c)]

City Manager Steve Sarkozy opened staff's update on the Finance/Human Resources System Replacement Project.

Cathy Johnson, Project Manager, reported that core financial applications were activated on March 1 within the new Finance/HR System, also known as the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System. An upcoming report to Council will highlight the efficiencies gained by the new system, new business processes, and additional modules to be implemented.

Mayor Marshall thanked the project team for their hard work on the system replacement.

- (b) Bellevue 50Fest Final Report [Study Session Agenda Item 2(d)]

Ron Langley, Public Information Officer, announced the publication of the new *Bellevue Timeline* book, a Bellevue 50Fest project funded by PACCAR, Inc., the City and 50Fest sponsors. A time capsule was sealed on March 31, the City's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday, to mark the official end of 50Fest events. It will be displayed in the lobby of City Hall and is scheduled to be opened during the City's centennial in 2053. Mr. Langley thanked Mayor Marshall for her fundraising efforts and the Council for its support of 50Fest events.

Councilmember Degginger thanked Mr. Langley for his hard work and key role in ensuring the success of Bellevue 50Fest.

Mayor Marshall thanked staff, particularly of the Parks and Planning Departments, for their involvement in 50Fest. She thanked community sponsors as well as citizens who participated in the 70 neighborhood celebrations.

(c) Update on Bellevue Crime Statistics

Police Chief Jim Montgomery thanked David Grant, reporter for the King County Journal, for his recent article recognizing Bellevue's lowest crime rate in 21 years. The reduction in crime is even more impressive considering the population growth, as well as the increased daytime population, in Bellevue over the past 20 years. Despite the safety within this community, Chief Montgomery expressed concern about increasing car crimes. A Special Enforcement Team was created eight months ago with a primary focus on car crimes. This team of five officers and a lieutenant has made more than 30 felony arrests, including an individual wanted for three bank robberies. Chief Montgomery discussed the need for low tolerance, stricter laws, and more aggressive prosecution of car crimes to effectively address the situation.

(d) Newport Shores Litigation

Mr. Sarkozy highlighted Consent Calendar Agenda Item 8(c) regarding geotechnical work in the Newport Shores Yacht Basin to provide data about sediments from Coal Creek that are collecting in the basin. Lawsuits have been filed between the City, King County, and property owners at Newport Shores regarding responsibility for managing these sediments. The City hopes to achieve an equitable settlement to the lawsuit through the mediation process. The City anticipates that a fair resolution to the matter will require each party to bear some responsibility for the circumstances contributing to the sedimentation.

6. Council Business

Dr. Davidson attended meetings of the Environmental Services Commission and WRIA 8. He reported that Larry Phillips, continuing as Co-Chair of the WRIA 8 Steering Committee, will be joined by Jim Compton as Co-Chair. Dr. Davidson was selected as Chair of the WRIA 8 Forum Committee.

Ms. Balducci attended a Youth Obesity Roundtable discussion convened by the City at the request of Senator Cantwell. She attended the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) General Assembly on March 25 and cast the City's vote as requested in favor of the 2004 leadership team and the upcoming budget and work plan.

Mr. Degginger attended the March 31<sup>st</sup> 50Fest finale and time capsule event and the Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Chelminiak attended the open house for the 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE improvements project and Kelsey Creek Farm's annual sheep shearing event.

Mr. Lee attended the Alpha Phi Alpha community fraternity association convention, PSRC's economic development district meeting, and Ivanhoe Theatre's production of "Sleeping Beauties." The PSRC economic development district is forming an executive committee, and he requested a seat on the committee for Bellevue. Mr. Lee noted that on March 25 he declared his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives, 8<sup>th</sup> District.

Deputy Mayor Noble chaired the Eastside Human Services Forum Executive Committee meeting and attended the PSRC King County Caucus. Mayor Marshall, Mr. Noble, and Mr. Degginger met with King County Councilmembers Patterson, McKenna, and Irons for an update on RTID planning.

Mayor Marshall welcomed a new business, Garlic Jim's Pizza on Bellevue Way, to the community. She invited citizens to volunteer for the annual Bellevue Art Museum fair this summer.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- Dr. Davidson moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) Minutes of March 8, 2004 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of March 15, 2004 Study Session  
Minutes of March 15, 2004 Regular Session
  - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending March 19, 2004, and payroll for the period February 16 through February 29, 2004.
  - (c) Resolution No. 6974 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Tt/KCM for providing expert information and services in the legal action of Newport Yacht Club et al v. City of Bellevue (USDC No. C03-2343Z).
  - (d) Resolution No. 6975 authorizing an amendment to the contract with SRG Partnership for additional services to allow the authorization of expenditures by Façade Forensics for curtain wall design services and Bruck Richards Chaudier Inc. (BRC) for acoustical design services for the New City Building. *(The contract with SRG Partnership reserved funding for additional specialized design services in these design categories.)*
  - (e) Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the construction contract with Precision Earthworks, Inc. (Bid No. 0342) to increase the contract amount by \$138,765.75 to \$414,728.75 for West Lake Hills NIS Improvements (CIP Plan No. NIS-1) and 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE – Lake Hills Boulevard to SE 16<sup>th</sup> (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-68). *(Discussed during March 22 Extended Study Session.)*

- (f) Resolution No. 6976 authorizing execution of sanitary side sewer and storm drainage pipeline easements across a portion of Tract A Horizon Heights No. 1 to Patrick and Susie Nakamura.
- (g) Resolution No. 6977 authorizing execution of a four-party agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Overlake Hospital, and Group Health Cooperative for coordinated planning of the NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street extension/Overlake Hospital Medical Center expansion.

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing on Design Development Recommendations for the Scope and Budget for the New City Building at 405 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry said tonight is the first of two public hearings regarding the scope and budget for the New City Building. This project was initiated approximately two years ago with the goal of finding a solution to longstanding public safety facility deficiencies. The new building was obtained at a favorable price and will accommodate all City functions including Public Safety. A preliminary project scope and budget was previously established by Council. The project team is currently refining design recommendations and cost estimates for presentation to Council in early May. Final scope and budget direction is scheduled to be provided by early June. Mr. Terry noted numerous public meetings regarding the new building as well as information posted on the City's web site.

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to open the public hearing, and Ms. Balducci seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to open the public hearing carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following four citizens came forward to comment on the project scope and budget for the New City Building:

- (1) David Plummer noted he submitted written comments earlier to the City Clerk with suggestions for Council to enhance its oversight of the New City Building redevelopment project. He recommended that staff prepare comprehensive performance design and quality assurance specifications for the project and a life cycle cost analysis and estimate for the project. He feels an organized work cost breakdown structure should be used. He said staff should prepare a well-defined list of trade studies that have been or will be performed during the preliminary and detailed design phases of the project, and the results of the studies should be reviewed and approved by Council.
- (2) Chenchen Li, a junior at Bellevue High School and a member of the Youth Link Board, explained that approximately 25 members of the Board and Bellevue Youth Council met with the project manager for the New City Building project in January. The group liked the general design and landscaping plans and offered the following suggestions: 1) warm

orange and yellow tones for the interior, 2) teen artwork and moving art, 3) comfortable furniture, and 4) 2005 Youth Wall of Fame in the new building.

- (3) Lee Maxwell noted her longtime involvement in the community including early support of Meydenbauer Center and ongoing work with the Eastside Heritage Center. She praised Council for doing a good job of monitoring projects including the New City Building and for being responsible stewards of taxpayers' money. Ms. Maxwell encouraged a photo exhibit from Eastside Heritage Center's collection in the new building to showcase the community's history involving Native Americans, pioneers, and strawberry fields. She is enthusiastic about plans to streamline services for citizens and to create a park on the grounds of the new building.
- (4) Clay Wallace, a member of the Technical Advisory Committee for this project, expressed his continued support for the building's redevelopment. He urged Council to continue to challenge the design team and staff to produce the best project at the least cost for the community.
- Deputy Mayor Noble moved to close the public hearing, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.
- The motion to close the public hearing carried by a vote of 7-0.

Responding to Councilmember Davidson, Mr. Sarkozy said staff will prepare a response to Mr. Plummer's written comments.

- 10. Land Use: None.
- 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
- 12. Unfinished Business: None.
- 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
- 14. New Business: None.
- 15. Executive Session: None.
- 16. Adjournment

At 9:03 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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